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REMARKS

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1. On 15 December 1950, the 5th VP Bereitschaft of Land Saxony-Anhalt was stationed in Weissenfels (N 53/J 99) and still numbered about 1,000 police. VP-Oberrat Kiesewetter, (fmu), who arrived from Chemnitz on 1 December 1950, succeeded VP-Oberrat Nickel, (fmu), the previous commanding officer. Kiesewetter's deputy was VP-Rat Schmidt, (fmu), who had also come from Chemnitz. Lieutenant Colonel Vangalov, (fmu), was identified as the Soviet liaison officer. It was learned that Lieutenant Colonel Grecev, (fmu), previously reported, was only a cover name, under which 14 different officers ordered the procurement of uniforms. 25X1
2. Work done at the Volkspolizei quarters in Weissenfels included the reconstruction of the mess building, the improvement of the three-story barracks buildings to furnish additional quarters in the attic, and the installation of fourteen 300-liter kettles in the mess building. \*
3. During the days preceding Christmas 1950, about 1,000 police of the VP Bereitschaft in Weissenfels were exchanged for the same number of police of a VP Bereitschaft in Burg. Most of the police from the unit in Weissenfels had served for some months only, while those coming from Burg had been with the Volkspolizei for not less than one year. 25X1  
they had been trained with light artillery pieces in Burg.
4. Three more barracks buildings and one mess building were under construction in the billeting area of the 5th VP Bereitschaft. They were scheduled for completion on 18 January 1951. Furthermore, the attics in the old barracks buildings were being improved to serve as police quarters. \*
5. The unit had carbines, mortars, bazookas, 10 to 20 Soviet trucks, and 5 or 6 passenger cars, including two Opel P-4 cars and one Mercedes car.

\* Comment. The information confirms the enlargement of the VP quarters in Weissenfels. 25X1  
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